

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

July 6, 2010

3:30 P.M.

Councilwoman Ladd, Chairman, called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order with Councilmen Rico, Gilbert, Scott, Murphy, Berz, Robinson, Benson and McGary present. City Attorneys Michael McMahan and Phil Noblett, and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Daisy Madison, Ulystein Oates, Vickie Haley, Fredia Kitchen, Dickie Hutsell, Barry Bennett, Dan Johnson, Richard Beeland, Officer Craig, Chief Parker, Officer Kennedy, Greta Hayes, Larry Zehnder, Jerry Stewart, Joachim Volz, Jim Templeton, Steve Leach, Chief Dodd, Chief Williams, Mark Keil, Bill Payne, Mayor Littlefield, Lt. Carroll, John Van Winkle, and Greg Haynes.

On motion of Councilman McGary, seconded by Councilman Rico, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

Mr. Leach began with **Resolution (b)** that authorizes an agreement with Advanced Energy Engineering and Design, Inc. (AEED) for engineering services for Alternative Electrical Energy and Efficiency Project in an amount not to exceed \$49,000.00 and a contingency fee not to exceed \$5,000.00. He stated that this would be a very extensive review.

Mr. Stewart stated that we spent \$4 million dollars on electrical usage—that a lot of this equipment goes back to 1983 and was updated in 2003; that new products came on the market in January of this year; that the question had been asked why we had no generator and how we might be able to use a generator; that a lot of things could come out of this Plan going forward; that the money comes out of the Enterprise Fund.

Councilman McGary asked if it was consulting? Mr. Stewart explained that it would be a Strategic Plan—that we might convert to solar.

Councilwoman Berz questioned the need for a contingency if they were just looking at a Plan. Mr. Stewart explained that they might need additional measurement. Councilwoman Berz confirmed that they were not just going to advise but also measure. Mr. Stewart indicated that he wanted to be able to show he saved money. Councilwoman Berz stated that \$5,000 was a small amount, but she still questioned the need for a contingency. Mr. Stewart again explained that they might find they had a need for additional measurement.

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Adm. Leach stated that they had two projects on for next week and wanted to add a third.

Resolution (c) authorized a contract with East Tennessee Grading, Inc. in the amount of \$1,173,295.83 with a contingency amount of \$117,304.17 for an amount not to exceed \$1,290,600.00 on Volkswagen Drive at Discovery Drive Intersection. Bill Payne showed an aerial image, as part of the Traffic Impact Study done. He mentioned additional land use and a round-about, noting the need for some sort of traffic control and a 10% contingency. Provisions are also being made for an entrance.

Councilwoman Berz wanted to know where the money is coming from? Mr. Payne responded that it is from the City's Capital Budget. Adm. Leach added that they had talked to the County about sharing some of the cost on this. Councilwoman Scott asked if it were public roads and was told "yes". Councilman Benson asked if they had gotten any commitment from the County? Mayor Littlefield explained that the County would have to willingly participate because they are prohibited from road projects; that he hoped they would step up, but they had no requirement to do so. Councilwoman Berz wanted to know which Capital Budget and was told the FY '10. Mayor Littlefield added that this is a good, necessary project—that Bonny Oaks is congested now.

Resolution (d) authorizes a City Sidewalk Requirements Contract with Integrated Properties, LLC in the amount of \$239,949.25, with a contingency amount of \$24,000, for an amount not to exceed \$263,949.25. Mr. Payne explained that this is the standard Requirements Contract format for repairs to sidewalks and a handicap ramp. This is 100% Block Grant money, and a list of locations was shown, which are mostly south of the River. Councilwoman Scott asked if there was any sidewalk money for anywhere else? Mr. Payne explained that sidewalks would be in the capital requests to be considered by the Council.

Mr. Leach explained the additional item that they wished added—Enterprise South where it ends at Park Blvd.—that utilities are in place and a lot of reconstruction; that as they went through intersection improvement, there is a Chattanooga Gas Metering Station.

Mr. Payne continued, stating that it was on an easement purchased by Chattanooga Gas, and we have to relocate it—that this falls to the City—that moving the metering station location was an option, but they had decided to eliminate the metering location completely; that they needed this in place with the road construction. Adm. Leach asked that this be placed on next week's agenda. Chairman Ladd agreed to this.

Councilman Murphy questioned if eliminating this station was cheaper than shifting it to the east? Mr. Payne explained that they would have to move Discovery Drive, which would far exceed this cost; that they had to have proper approach angles; that realigning curbs would be expensive.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.